ABSTRACT

A catalyst system for the polymerization of olefins comprising the product obtained by contacting:

- (A) a metallocene complex;
- (B) an organometallic aluminium compound of formula (II):

Al
$$[CH_2-C(Ar)R^4R^5]_xH_y$$
 (II)

wherein Ar is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having from 6 to 20 carbon atoms; R^4 is a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl or C_7 - C_{20} alkylaryl; R^5 is hydrogen or a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, C_7 - C_{20} arylalkyl or C_7 - C_{13} alkylaryl group;

$$x = 2 \text{ or } 3; y = 3-x; \text{ and }$$

(C) water;

the molar ratio (B)/(C) being between 1:1 and 100:1. These catalysts show an improved activity with respect to known catalysts, wherein different aluminium compounds are used.